

Appl. No. 10/500,668
Amdt. Dated November 6, 2006
Reply to Office action of July 28, 2006

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the indication of the allowability of claim 24.

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, the application will follow the apparent lead of the Examiner. Specifically, the allowable subject matter of claims 24 is moved up into the independent claim 14. Thus, this should resolve all issues of the claims in view of the prior art.

Please note that other issues within the subject application are also addressed so that nothing will slow the progress of the application to allowance. Specifically, the specification is amended to remove a small amount of confusing text. This, amendment (text removal) will thus obviate the objection to the drawings. Specifically, the objection to the drawings becomes moot via the amendment to the specification. Accordingly, withdraw of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

Next, the Examiner also had concern about dependency of claims 19 and 20. As can be seen by the present amendment, the dependencies are now changed and proper.

Lastly, the dependency of claims 25 and 26 are adjusted since claim 24 is no longer a separate claim.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. If, for some reason, the Examiner perceives some issue that prevents an immediate allowance of the subject application, the Examiner is explicitly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss such impediment.

If there are any further fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36880.

Respectfully submitted,

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